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**Advisory Action  
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

<b>Application No.</b> 09/841,018	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SAHOTA ET AL.
<b>Examiner</b> SUMAIYA A. CHOWDHURY	<b>Art Unit</b> 2421

**--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

THE REPLY FILED 10 February 2010 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

**AMENDMENTS**

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because  
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);  
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);  
(c) ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).  
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).  
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☒ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.  
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:  
Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Claim(s) rejected: 1-25, 29-31.  
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

**AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE**

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).  
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).  
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER**

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:  
See Continuation Sheet.  
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
13. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Continuation of 11, does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Knudson teaches wherein a user interacts with a TV display to select desired information. For example, referring to Fig. 13, Knudson teaches that a user can interact with the display to change the category information from "Major League Baseball" to "National Football League". The user can also interact with the display to find out the score of another baseball team. For example, in Fig. 13, the user can scroll through the interactive element to find out the score of the Orioles. As such, Knudson teaches interactivity at the receiver. A user may select from among the various status information items associated with a given category (col. 13, line 49 - col. 14, line 37). Another illustrative example can be seen by referring to Fig. 26. The user can select to view screen 316 by selecting item 322 in screen 324 (col. 19, lines 40-54). The receiver is capable of allowing the user to interact with it in order to select information. Hence, Knudson teaches interacting with an interactive channel bug which facilitates interactivity without tuning to a dedicated channel associated with the interactive services. The only element that Knudson fails to disclose is wherein an image is morphed into the received broadcast without user intervention at the receiver. Rosser '261 teaches that morphing images is performed at the STB. In particular, Rosser uses occlusion masks to warp an image onto a broadcast at the STB. The STB decodes the broadcast video and performs insertion of the indicia (Abstract; col. 10, lines 21-51; Fig. 2). Since Knudson discloses allowing a user to interact with images at the user terminal, and Rosser discloses morphing object at the receiver, the combination of the two references would disclose the claimed invention.

Rosser '919 was relied on to teach aligning an interactive bug over a broadcast bug. In particular, Rosser'919 teaches a scoreboard or sign is aligned over a back wall behind a batter (col. 7, lines 35-65). Rosser '261 was relied on to teach morphing images at a receiver. As discussed above, Knudson was relied on to teach interacting with interactive images. Given that the references as applied are all directed to adjusting/changing images in a broadcast and there does not appear to be any specific teaching away from the combination as applied, it is the examiner's position that the references do not teach away.